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9. In the harbor was the Russian cargo ship, Voroshilov (estimated at 10,000 tons), and two unknown Russian cargo ships (each estimated at 5,000 tons). The Voroshilov was anchored between the New and the Old Silos, and was loading what appeared to be chromite ore.

a Soviet destroyer, This appeared to be a brand new ship. two stacks (coated with red paint) of another destroyer on the shipways of the Nikolaev shipyards. This destroyer seemed to be undergoing repairs.

Just to the south of the shipyards a large floating dock was anchored. Along side the floating dock was a crane fitted on a barge.

10. the port authorities brought port passes, and indicated that the crew might go ashore. These passes, pink in color, were made of what appeared to be bank check stock, with a heavy watermark. They were approximately 20 cm. by 7½ cm. They contained a photograph, description and name of the crew member. When the pass was issued, one-third of it was torn off along a perforated line and retained by the issuing authority.

11. passes provided by the Militia. The Militia also provided instructions as to how to leave the port area and find their way to town. the shipyards was the only really forbidden area in the port

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of Sunday that the street was full of men and women. The street was not asphalted, but had a very regular stone pavement. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] people in the crowd [redacted] was dressed in more or less good clothes 50X1-HUM made of local stuff. Many of the people had coats with buttoned collars. Men with felt hats and neckties were frequently seen. Some of the women also had hats and were with face powder and lip paint. A few of them were really fashionably dressed. A man supposed to be a high ranking military officer was seen with a really attractive and well dressed woman. One could see women with furs as well as women in rubber boots. [redacted] some 50X1-HUM shops [redacted] were open on Sunday [redacted] In one shop window were displayed some cigarettes. On box of cigarettes had a label showing 11 Rubles and 80 Kopecks. In another shop window [redacted] something resembling Balkan Cheese cakes, but there was no price 50X1-HUM lable attached to it. [redacted] a bottle with 110 grams of caviar for 16 50X1-HUM Rubles and 80 Kopecks. [redacted] preserved fish tins as well [redacted] 50X1-HUM [redacted] Perhaps it was on account of the approaching Christmas that there were so many toys and chocolates in the windows. In one shop window [redacted] an ordinary ladies fur coat which bore a label showing the price to 50X1-HUM be 2175 Rubles. An ordinary cotton stuff of printed quality for women had a price tag of 138 Rubles. A cap with ear muffs cost 112 Rubles. A pair of rubbers cost 18 Rubles and a pair of shoes cost 51 Rubles. On this same street there were two cinemas and one theatre building. There was a restaurant, too, and the sale of articles was not subject to any formalities. Foreign boats could get consumers goods at half price at which they were sold to the local inhabitants, provided the goods were handed over to the buyer on the boat.

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[redacted] Bread was generally black and a kilogram of this bread cost 2 Rubles. Beer was sold in small booths on street corners. People were drinking beer standing. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

14. [redacted] Nikolaev [redacted] Ruins of many 50X1-HUM buildings destroyed during the war are still to be seen all over town.

15. The bed of the Bug River and Korsun Lake seem to be rapidly filling up with mud and sand. No dredging procedure is now being carried out. (Note: Dredging of this area is done every spring after the ice goes out. This one operation is sufficient to carry through until the following spring.) At present the Bug River, up to Nikolaev, is fit for navigation to a depth of 24 feet. The route taken through Korsun Lake permits a draft of only 18 feet.

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16. There are two silos in Nikolaev for storing grain. One, called the Old Silo, was damaged during the last war and still is being repaired. The New Silo is a modern building, built after the last war. It is supposed to have a capacity of 35,000 tons. There are three moving cranes running between the two silos. They are electrically operated, and their height is 30-40 meters.

17. South of the silos there are two dumps for coal and ore. The coal appeared to be coke, and the ore to be chromite. Directly behind the coal dumps are two new round metal storage tanks, apparently for storing fuel oil.

18. There are no piers projecting out into the river, south of the shipyards. All of the ships that come to shore, anchor directly on the levee. This levee did not appear to be in good condition, and looked as though it had been damaged during the last war and not yet repaired.

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2. In the harbor of Odessa [redacted] 4 floating docks and 25 Soviet transport and cargo vessels. Near the quay was a Soviet passenger ship which the pilot said was 24,000 tons. On the quay [redacted] many electrically operated cranes, and judging from the smoke rising from the chimneys, all the factories in Odessa were in production.

3. [redacted]

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6. [redacted] there is only one silo in Kherson which [redacted] has a capacity of 150,000 tons, and which at that time contained 110,000 tons of cereals. The silo appears [redacted] to be a modern structure which possessed twelve "spouts" for loading cereal into ships. [redacted] the silo is capable of discharging 22-25 thousand tons of grain per day. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

7. Located in front of the silo is a concrete quay in good condition which is about 250 meters long. Beyond that is another quay about 50 meters long. [redacted] several electrically operated cranes in the harbor. 50X1-HUM

8. The stevedors, who all wore the same garb (they had coats lined with fur), looked healthy. [redacted] they neither asked for anything [redacted] nor accepted the cigarettes or coffee which was offered to them. 50X1-HUM

9. [redacted] 15-20 launches "with towers or small cabins" coming fromthe direction of Odessa. 50X1-HUM These launches, almost all of which were equipped with radio, were carrying Russian soldiers. During the night [redacted] similar launches going in different directions. 50X1-HUM

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II. Movements:

4. [redacted] harbor [redacted] the Soviet cargo ship, ADMIRAL USAKOV, [redacted] In the inner 15,000 tons, unloading gasoline at the gasoline jetty; [redacted] 50X1-HUM the wrecks of 4-5 destroyers, partly submerged; and [redacted] 50X1-HUM wrecks of merchant vessels lying near the coal jetty. [redacted] 50X1-HUM dock at the corn jetty and load wheat. The ADMIRAL USAKOV was scheduled to [redacted]

5. [redacted] 50X1-HUM three more jetties in a dilapidated state. The gasoline and corn jetties appeared to have been repaired and were in good shape. The coal jetty, also, seemed to have been reconstructed. There was a half ruined jetty between the corn and gasoline jetties to which two lights were attached. The quays and cement factory beyond the coal jetty were partly repaired and were in working condition. The silo is a one story building with three unloading "spouts." Loading from it is a rather slow process [redacted]

6. [redacted] 50X1-HUM shore permits, good for one day, were issued [redacted] 50X1-HUM These permits resembled those issued at Kherson [redacted] 50X1-HUM but were blue. [redacted] if anyone lost his permit, he 50X1-HUM would have to pay ten rubles. [redacted]

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9. [redacted] in Novorossisk [redacted]

[redacted] Some of the streets were still blocked by debris from ruined buildings, and although the roads were paved with stones, they were in poor condition.

[redacted] although all the people were similarly dressed, they did not present a shabby appearance. No one wore a felt hat or a tie. [redacted] the following prices at the various cooperative stores: 50X1-HUM

1 kilogram of	black bread	1 Ruble, 95 Kopeks
1 "	beef	11 Rubles
1 "	mutton	9 Rubles
1 "	pork	13 Rubles
1 box of	Papiros (Russian cigarettes)	2 Rubles, 2 Kopeks

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[redacted] only a few buildings in the process of construction. Working on one of these were 15-20 women and 2 men. Some of the women were preparing mortar and plastering the wall with their hands; others were carrying stones and bricks.

10. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

that cap with ear muffs cost 310 Rubles. [redacted]

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